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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S PURPORTED REQUEST TO CONGRESS  
FOR MILITARY GRANT AID AND CREDITS TO GREECE

1. GREEK RADIO, TV AND THOSE NEWSPAPERS NOT AFFECTED BY JOURNALISTS' STRIKE REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD WOULD ASK CONGRESS FOR 155 MILLION DOLLARS IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE IN 1976, OF WHICH 90 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE IN CREDITS AND THE REMAINING 65 MILLION IN GRANT AID. REPORTS ALSO NOTED THAT A SIMILAR AMOUNT OF GRANT AID WOULD BE REQUESTED FOR TURKEY BUT THAT A LARGER AMOUNT -- 115 MILLION DOLLARS -- WOULD BE SOUGHT IN CREDITS FOR THAT COUNTRY. (THE REPORTS WERE BASED ON A REUTERS DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON).

2. ONLY THREE GREEK-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED APRIL 30. AVGHI (COMMUNIST PARTY INTERIOR - EDA) HEADLINES REPORT "PRESIDENT FORD COMES AGAIN WITH GIFTS: AID IS A TRAP". ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS HEADLINES ITS FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF REPORT, "PRESIDENT FORD WILL SEEK FROM CONGRESS 155 MILLION DOLLAR AMERICAN AID TO GREECE".

3. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS DAILY POST PRESENTS STORY ON FIRST PAGE UNDER HEADLINE "NEXT YEAR U.S. TO GRANT MILITARY  
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ASSISTANCE TO GREECE". ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS PLACED

ITS TWO-PARAGRAPH COVERAGE OF STORY WITHIN BROADER REPORT  
RELEVANT TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF TERMINATION OF HOMEPORTING AND  
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